

spoken about relating to LB 33 is aid to education. I think the bill, that is really a misnomer in that it really is a tax bill whether it is relieving a property tax for those people who support it, who believe in that particular area, or whether it is involved in replacing the property tax but it certainly is not directed at education. Indirectly I would assume that you would assume that it would be directed to education. When Senator Cullan offered his amendment, I supported his amendment, and after doing some research relating to that, I feel that I should not have supported his amendment and that was to take out the incentive pay. I don't want to take a lot of your time here. I realize that you have your mind made up on this one way or the other but I do think that there are some issues that should be brought out. This is one. It is an area of incentive to those schools to provide to those students in the State of Nebraska teachers with more and better background in educational ability than perhaps what they do now. There is one part of this bill that I certainly do think is good. It is for the incentive pay which does allow some aid to education. I would ask you to think about this. I won't prolong debate in it. I think it is probably clear in your minds. I think some of you have done some research relating to the incentive motion made by Senator Cullan and perhaps you would want to reaffirm or change your mind at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment which Senator Mills is speaking about is I think the Frank Lewis amendment which strikes incentive aid from the state aid formula, and as you know, I did support Senator Frank Lewis in his move to take incentive aid out of the state aid formula and I still think it is a good idea. I have looked at the figures. Senator Lamb obtained a printout relative to the way this would distribute funds and it appears that a small Class I school district would generally pick up some money as a result of the amendment and some of these smaller high schools would lose a little. In my own district, we gain just slightly and some of the counties in my district will lose just a little. So it is not a major shift in funding one way or another as I see it and I think the computer printout bears that out. So I think that this bill is relative to a funding. It is a tax bill. It is not really an education bill and I think the incentive aid portion is unnecessary. I think it is wrong to have it the number one priority as it was in the bill before the Frank Lewis amendment and, therefore, I would oppose Senator Mills' attempt to strike the Lewis amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is the first time I have spoken on this bill and I am going to say something which I believe all of you ought to listen to. This bill is either going to be able to survive a veto or it is not. If you return the bill for any reason, those of you who are interested in LB 33 and I think you should take me very seriously, you may not be able to advance it again. I am going to vote against LB 33, but in the interest of time, I think you ought not return it for any purpose now because no amendment which is added,